

## A FLORIDA MADRIGAL.

"Tis the song of the Seminole maiden  
On the banks of the Hatcheehaha,  
Awaiting her lover, game laden,  
Who had gone to Oskopoga.

Oh, why dost thou stay, Tustenugge,  
My lover from far Hickpotchee?  
And hast thou no fear of Miccosugge,  
Thy rival from Withlacoochee?

"Or others who gather round me,  
Dusky heroes of chase and war,  
Oh, my love, hasten up the Kissimmee,  
And together we'll wander afar.

"We'll go to the Pithlachestcootee,  
Seek hammocks on fair Wacassassa,  
Ascend to its head Chhattahoochee,  
Land on Sanibel, off Punta Rassa!

"Woe swiftly down Caloosahatchie,  
Escaping from Okeechobee  
To the land of Halpatahatchie,  
And prairies of salt Manatee.

"Dream dreams on Tahopekaliga,  
Sing songs upon old Suwannee,  
Skim the surface of Woyohokalap,  
Tuskawilla and Okahumpkee.

"Wakulla, Wekiva, Homosassa,  
Chshawiska and Ocklawaha,  
The famous Lake Ichabucassas,  
And yellow Apalachicola.

"From Okeefinokee to Ocklocknee,  
From Tallahassee down to the sea,  
Away from all scenes that might shock thee  
We'll float'er smooth Apalachee,

By the Tula Apopka we'll roam,  
Hie to the haunts of the sweet alligator;  
In the southland we'll find us a home,  
Beneath the breath of the torrid equator.

But absorbed by the love of Wyomi,  
Shook ichc and fat Pemmiwa,  
He needed not fair Miccosouki,  
Nor again come to Hatcheehaha."

KIRK MUNKOR.

## Latest Literary News.

The sale of thousands of copies of a ten-cent magazine at one dollar apiece was a very curious happening at the time of the Chicago World's Fair. The Cosmopolitan prepared a World's Fair number, contributed to by many famous writers, and so thoroughly illustrated that it surpassed even the most expensive book which had up to that time been issued. In those days the magazine was printed from two sets of plates only, and when these were worn out it was impossible, without a great loss of time, to put further editions on the press. The newsdealers, taking advantage of this condition, raised the price of the Cosmopolitan's World's Fair number to one dollar a copy. A few sales were even made toward the close at the phenomenal figure of five dollars. Undoubtedly this happening is unique in the history of magazine literature. The Cosmopolitan will endeavor to repeat its past success with a Pan-American Exposition Number, which will be even more attractive, if possible, than its World's Fair predecessor.

The most famous writers of the country have been invited to take part in the preparation of this issue. After many days' careful study of all the wonderful scenes of the Exposition, more than a hundred photographs have been prepared, which, taken as a whole, give a thorough conception of the marvels of this Exposition.

It is doubtful if any book, selling at forty times the price of the magazine, will give any description of the Fair which will approach in interest and artistic value the September Cosmopolitan.

Those who visit the Fair will preserve this number as a delightful reference-book in the years to come, and those who are unable to go there will secure such a comprehensive view of its main attractions as will be well worthy of preservation.

## Expert Testimony.

Last March William Broughton was sentenced by a federal judge to five years at hard labor in the Georgia penitentiary for sending obscene literature through the mails. He was convicted by the testimony of two hand-writing "experts," who swore positively that Broughton wrote the matter in evidence. After he was locked up the obscene letters in the same writing continued to reach the same woman. A man named Mitchell was finally caught and convicted by the same "expert" testimony, which was just as positive as it had been in the first Broughton case. The police had other evidence, however. Mitchell is now in the pen and Broughton has been set at liberty. It did not need the Broughton case, of course, to establish the fact that the testimony of hand-writing "experts" is absolutely unreliable. It should not be admitted to any jury. In the prison at Sing Sing is a man under sentence of death, who has been convicted of murder by just such nonsensical, absurd and unworthy evidence. His name is Roland B. Molineux. If he is electrocuted the state of New York will be guilty of assassination, Molineux may, or may not, be guilty of poisoning both Mrs. Adams and Henry Barnett, but he has not been tried for the murder of Barnett and positively no proof has been adduced that he murdered Mrs. Adams. John Griggs, attorney-general of the United States, in conveying the pardon of Broughton to the Georgia authorities, has seen fit to state the unworthiness of this so-called "expert" testimony, and the writing of this opinion is one of the few good or valuable things Griggs has done.

## What Are the Wishes of the People?

To the People of Marion County:

At the August meeting of the county commissioners Maj. Healy and other prominent gentlemen appeared before the board, the object of their presence being to ask the board to appropriate funds for getting up a county exhibit for the state fair to be held in the city of Jacksonville in November, 1901.

After considering the depleted condition of the county treasury, I thought, as a representative of the people, it was my duty to ask that this matter be referred to the people for an expression of their wishes as to whether the board should borrow money for this purpose.

After consideration, action was deferred until the September meeting, that the people might have time and opportunity to advise, either through the commissioners of the several districts or meet in mass meeting, as they may elect, and say whether or not the appropriation of money for this purpose would meet their approval.

I, for one, earnestly request some action upon the part of the people, otherwise I will be left to act upon my discretion.

N. A. FORT.

## Cheap Excursion to St. Petersburg.

On Saturday, Aug. 24, the Plant System will run a very cheap excursion to St. Petersburg, and the tickets will be good to return until Tuesday, Aug. 27, giving two full days—Sunday and Monday—in St. Petersburg to those desiring to stay there that long. It will also give an opportunity to visit the Manatee river.

The natural attractions of St. Petersburg at this season, such as bathing, fishing, boating, and visits to the nearby orange groves and pineries, will make the trip to that lovely resort one of unalloyed pleasure to the visitors. The public park and pavilion, in addition to the hotels, boarding houses, docks, etc., will offer a comfortable retreat.

The train will leave Ocala at 3:25 p. m., and the rate will be \$1.50 for the round trip, tickets limited to return on any train up to, and including Aug. 27. Parties desiring to do so can only use their tickets to San Antonio, Tarpon Springs, Dunedin, Clearwater and other points en route instead of St. Petersburg.

Further information will be cheerfully furnished by Miss J. C. Maughis, city ticket agent; A. E. Gerig, depot ticket agent; F. M. Jolly, division passenger agent, Jacksonville; W. V. Lifsey, division passenger agent, Tampa; B. W. Wrenn, passenger traffic manager, Savannah.

## Judge Barton Will Move to Ocala.

Judge Barton has bought the Vereen restaurant and hotel in Ocala, and will move his family thereto and take possession in a few days, or as soon as he can dispose of the Central hotel furniture at this place. This will necessarily make a change in the proprietor and management of the Central hotel, but as there are several parties anxious to rent the place, someone will be ready to take the property as soon as the Judge gives possession.

Judge Barton holds the office of county judge, and his removal and resignation will leave that important office vacant and the governor will be called upon to appoint someone to fill the unexpired term.

We are sorry that Judge Barton has decided to leave us. He has made a good record as a county official, and is a clever and obliging neighbor. The Chronicle is pained to see the Judge and family move from our town and county, but wish for them a happy and prosperous life in their new home.—Inverness Chronicle.

## Almost Incredible.

Joe Washington, a negro, was recently burned at the stake near Savannah for assaulting a white woman. The proof of his guilt was absolutely conclusive, and include circumstances that cannot even be hinted at in print.

The manner in which he met his fate seems almost incredible and is thus described:

Along the side of the railway track a crowbar was driven into the earth. To this Washington was forced and was bound to it in a sitting position. His legs extended straight in front of him on either side of the bar. A chain held him fast around the waist, while a heavy rope encircled the bar and his neck. Washington's victim had been asked by the leaders of the mob to apply the torch to the pyre, but at this office her soul revolted, and she declined. Her husband was selected in her stead. Washington looked straight into the eyes of Clark as the latter stooped down to apply the match. The wood was rich, fat pine, and was saturated with kerosene oil. The flames leaped hungrily toward Washington's body. The man showed no signs in his face of the agony he must have suffered, and met death without a groan, and seemingly he faced it without fear.

Cartoonist Taylor of the Jacksonville Metropolis is a smooth article. His cartoons have made the Metropolis a general favorite with all of its readers.—Tampa Tribune.

## State Fair Notes.

The G. S. & F. railroad is trying to swamp the state fair management. It is going to show everything from Palatka to Macon, and has applied for 200 feet space. The fair is a success? Well, I reckon.

Duval county has voted \$300 for an exhibit, and, if applications for space mean anything, Duval will be in it.

Osceola wants it all, as usual. She will show horses, cattle, fruit, vegetables and sugar cane. Well, now, bring the baibes, and the \$250 will be gone.

You may all think you've got geese, but when you see Parmenter's, from Orange Park, you will never hiss again.

Some of you will know where Walton county is after the fair. If she doesn't raise oranges she raises everything else. Don't step on the tail of her coat.

## After Some of Ziba King's Dollars.

A case involving \$60,000 of the Ziba King estate is creating considerable interest in Tampa, says the Tribune, of that city. Col. Peter O. Knight and Judge Beggs, of Orlando, are attorneys for the estate, and Maj. St. Clair-Abrams, of Jacksonville, is appearing for the plaintiff, who is a child.

In 1887 Judge King purchased \$20,000 worth of cattle from the widow of Abner Johnson, and paid for them. Now the child claims that Johnson had given her some of the cattle, and that her mother had no right to sell them.

This legal battle, which is now on in Tampa, is being watched with interest, for it is a fight between legal giants.

Abner Johnson formerly lived in this county.

## Had a Return Ticket.

More or less spirits of ferment were consumed by some of the excursionists to Ocala on the last excursion to that city last time, and several brains became rattled and tongues loosened as a consequence, not to mention the skulls that were cracked or the consciences that were seared. One of the loosened tongues was spitting out anathemas and billingstate to such an extent that it became obnoxious to the more decent around him. Finally to induce to rest an old gentleman said, "Say, my friend, are you not afraid you will go to h— if you don't stop cursing?" The loosened tongue was ready with a reply, and such was its abandonment and assurance that the interrogator concluded that he had struck a nut too hard to crack. It was: "I don't care a d— if I do; I've got a return ticket."—Live Oak Democrat.

## Stepped Into Live Coals.

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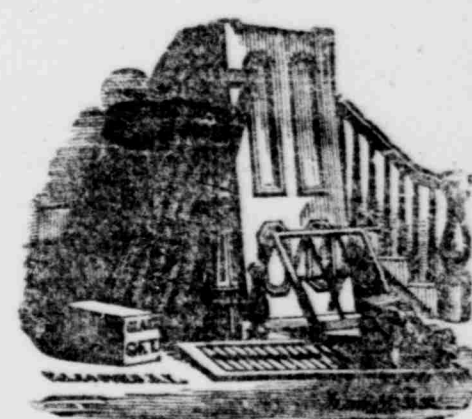
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